

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8 and 23 are the independent claims.

SPECIFICATION

The Examiner objects to the abstract of the disclosure for containing more than 150 words.

Applicants have attached a replacement abstract at the end of this document. The Examiner is requested to replace the current abstract with the replacement abstract. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The Examiner, with reference to claims 5, 12, 17 and 27, alleges that the specification fails to provide antecedent basis for the concept of transferring data objects from the second data processing device to the first data processing device.

Applicants submit that specification as filed, at least in paragraph [0034], clearly discloses that the interfaces 11 and 12 operate bidirectionally. Accordingly, the specification provides sufficient antecedent basis for the concept of transferring data objects from the second data processing device to the first data processing device. Additionally, claims 5, 17 and 27, amended to correct minor informalities in an amendment filed June 7, 2006, recite subject matter substantially similar to originally presented claims 5, 17 and 27. Claim 12 stands original. Original claims are apart of the originally filed specification and constitute their own description.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US PGPub 2002/0087359 to Bocionek (hereinafter Bocionek) in view of US PGPub 2002/0188896 to Filteau et al. (hereinafter Filteau). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a data processing system for processing medically relevant data objects, comprising, among other things, a second electronic data processing device for **presenting and altering data from data objects** in medically relevant reports using report masks, **the second data processing device uses report masks**, generateable and alterable locally by a user of the second data processing device **to present and alter data objects in a report context.** (Emphasis Added)

The Examiner admits that Bocionek fails to teach the second electronic data processing device as required by claim 1 and relies on the teachings of Filteau to overcome the noted deficiencies of Bocionek. The Examiner alleges that Filteau, in FIGS. 1 and 2 and paragraphs [0037-0039], teaches “a second electronic data processing device,” as required by claim 1.

Filteau is directed to a system and method for generating multi-lingual reports. As shown in FIG. 1 of Filteau, the computer 11 includes a processor 12 and memory 14. The processor 12 is a hardware device for executing software that can be stored in memory 14. The software in the memory 14 includes the medical report generator 100. The medical report generator 100 is a source program, executable program (object code), script, or any other entity comprising a set of instructions to be performed. The medical report generator 100 of Filteau consists of, among other things, a decision logic engine 130 and a renderer 140. As

illustrated in FIG. 2 of Filteau, the decision logic engine 130 is configured to generate a report instance 180 based on inputs from a data storage device 105 and a user interface 110. As further illustrated in FIG. 2, the report instance 180 contains a site instance 182, a profile instance 184, a study instance 186, and an expression 188. In turn, the renderer 140 receives and converts information from the report instance 180 and creates the medical diagnostic report 800.

Applicants submit that the computer 11, and the medical report generator 100, as such, do not “present and alter data from **data objects**” as required by claim 1. Filteau fails to teach or fairly suggest “**data objects**,” as recited in independent claim 1. (Emphasis Added)

Absent any such teachings, Applicants submit Filteau fails to overcome the noted deficiencies of Bocionek. Therefore, the combination of Bocionek and Filteau fails to teach each and every limitation of claim 1, thereby failing to render the limitations of claim 1 obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

With regard to independent claims 8 and 23, although claims 8 and 23 should be interpreted based solely upon the limitations present therein, they are allowable for at least reasons somewhat similar to those set forth with regard to independent claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of independent claim 1, 8 and 23, as well as claims 2-7, 9-22 and 24-29 depending therefrom, be withdrawn

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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